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CANAAN CHURCH, TIPPAH COUNTY,
September 18, 1857.

The delegates, composing the Chickasaw Association, convened with the Canaan Church, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1857.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. Ball, from the 5th chapter of Matthew, and the 16th verse: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The congregation was then dismissed until 2 1-2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Elder J. M. Chambers; and was called to order by the Moderator.

The clerk being absent Bro. H. Y. Riddle was appointed Clerk to effect an organization of the body.

L. Ball and J. G. Campbell were appointed Reading Clerks.

The letters from the several churches were called for in regular order, read, the names of Delegates enrolled.

Petitionary letters were called for, and a petition from Mount Pisgah Church was presented praying admittance into this body—the letter was read and the right hand of fellowship extended to her Delegates.

The Association then proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder M. Ball, Moderator, and H. Y. Riddle, Clerk; and E. Smyth was appointed Assistant Clerk, by motion, as there was a tie.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

On preaching: Carey Pitts, H. Garrett, W. A. Davis, with the Deacons of Canaan Church.

On arrangements: A. H. Booth, A. Ray, E. Rodgers, H. A. Howard, J. Boatner.

Correspondence was then called for—none presented.

Elder J. M. Chambers from the Big Hatchie Association was invited to a seat in this body; and the invitation was extended to brethren present from other Associations.

The Association adjourned to meet at 8 1-2 o'clock to-morrow morning; prayer by Elder A. Ray.

SATURDAY MORNING, Sept. 19.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Elder R. Nutt.

The report of the committee on Arrangements was called for, which

was presented, read, adopted, and committee discharged. See Appendix, A.

The constitution and Rules of Decorum were read.

The following committees were appointed to report during the present session of this body:

On Finance: D. Potter, C. G. Blunt, E. Browning.

On Documents: H. G. Savage, J. G. Burgess, R. Nutt.

To write Letters of Correspondence: M. P. Lowrey, L. Ball, H. A. Howard.

The following standing committees were appointed to report at the next annual session of this body:

On Domestic Missions: A. H. Booth, J. T. Pitts, Isaac Smyth.

On Foreign Missions: H. Y. Riddle, A. Ray, M. F. Berry.

On Education: J. H. Berry, O. D. Fitzgerald, Elijah Smyth.

On Bible Cause: D. R. Bryant, J. Boswell,

On Temperance: L. Ball, E. Rodgers, H. Garrett.

On Religious Instruction to Colored Population: R. L. Ray, R. Golding, R. H. Gibson.

On Sunday Schools: H. Y. Riddle, J. S. Cobb, D. R. Bryant.

Correspondence was again called for—and none presented.

Correspondence was then appointed to the following Religious bodies:

To the Panola Association: D. D. Roach, J. F. Rose, J. Boatner.

To the Big Hatchie Association: D. R. Bryant, E. Rodgers, A. H. Booth, M. Ball, O. D. Fitzgerald, T. Valentine.

To the Cold Water Association: A. Ray, C. B. Walker, M. Ball, E. Browning, B. Lax, Elijah Smyth.

To the Aberdeen Association: A. H. Booth, J. G. Burgess, M. Ball, A. Ray, L. Ball, W. H. Crawford, J. Davis, E. Smyth, J. S. Cobb.

To the Big Bear Creek Association: E. Rodgers, J. H. Wilkins, W. Simmons.

To the Baptist State Convention: M. Ball, J. H. Berry, H. Y. Riddle.

No correspondence is appointed to the Judson Association inasmuch as it meets subsequently to this body in future.

The letter from the Church at Liberty Hill was presented, read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled.

Elder J. T. Pitts was elected to preach the next Introductory sermon and A. H. Booth his alternate.

Elder M. Ball was elected to preach the next Missionary sermon and A. H. Booth his Alternate.

Reports were called for:

The Report of the Committe on Foreign Missions was presented, read, and adopted. See Appendix, B.

A few forcible remarks were made upon this Report by the Moderator, at the close of which a collection was taken up amounting to $102 65.

The Committee on Domestic Missions, appointed last year, failed to report when called for on account of the absence of the Chairman. Elder A. H. Booth was added to the Committee—indulged until Monday to make their report.

The Committee on Education were unprepared to report on account of

the absence of the Chairman. Elder D. R. Bryant and H. A. Howard were added to the Committee and indulged until Monday to report.

The Committee on the Bible Cause presented their Report, which was read and adopted. See Appendix, C.

On the reading of this Report Bro. H. A. Howard offered the following Resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Association respectfully urge upon christian owners the importance of reading the Holy Scriptures to their servants.

Further time was allowed the Committee on Temperance to report.

Further time was allowed the Committee on Religious Instruction to the colored population, to prepare their report. Elder A. H. Boot.. was added to the Committee.

The Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools being absent, Bro. J. H. Berry, a member of the Committee, read the report which he had prepared on the subject, which was adopted. See Appendix D.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock; Prayer by Elder D. D. Roach.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; Prayer by Elder O. D. Fitzgerald.

By motion, the Treasurer was indulged until Monday to make his report.

By motion, the Executive Board was indulged until Monday to prepare their report.

The following Query from the Ripley Church was taken up: "Is it proper for our churches to limit the time, within which Letters dismissing members shall be valid,—and beyond which they shall be invalid? In other words, Should a Letter of Dismission state, in the body of it, that it runs out of date in a certain specified time?

Answer—We do not think it proper.

The Queries from Hopewell Church were taken up and laid upon the table.

Elder E. Browning was excused from further attendance.

Adjourned to meet at 8 1-2 o'clock, Monday morning; Prayer by Elder A. Ray.

SUNDAY, Sept. 20.

At an early hour a large congregation assembled at the stand, which was addressed by Ministers whose names can be seen by referring to the report of the committee on preaching. See Appendix E.

The annual Missionary Sermon was preached by Elder L. Ball, from the 24th chapter of Matthew and 14th verse—"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." At the conclusion of which a collection was taken up, amounting to $40 10.

Much interest and deep feeling were manifested in the course of the religious exercises of the Sabbath and especially at night; and we pray that the word preached "may accomplish that whereunto it was sent."

MONDAY MORNING, Sep. 21.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; Prayer by Elder W. W. Keep.

Elder W. W. Keep, Agent for Semple Broaddus College, was invited to a seat in the body.

The committee appointed to write letters to corresponding bodies reported through its Chairman, M. P. Lowrey; the letters were read and adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and adopted. See Appendix F.

Permission was given to Elder M. Ball, to report the amounts collected by him within the bounds of this Association as agent for Foreign Missions. See Appendix G.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted. See Appendix H.

The Report of the Committee on the religious instruction to the colored population was read and adopted. See Appendix I.

The Report of the Committee on Documents was read and adopted. See Appendix J.

On the reading of this Report many of the Churches subscribed for the Essay on Total Abstinence, and many Brethren for the Mississippi Baptist.

The Report of the Executive Board was read and adopted. See Appendix K.

The Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was read and adopted. See Appendix L.

Just after the reading of these two last reports, the Brethren subscribed money enough to raise the amount from that reported, on hand, by the Treasurer to $1,050.

By motion, this amount was added as a postscript to our Corresponding Letter to the Baptist State Convention.

Adjourned until 2 1-2 o'clock; Prayer by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Elder D. R. Bryant.

The Chairman of the committee on Temperance being absent, no report was presented on that subject.

The report of the committee on Education was read and adopted.—See Appendix, M.

The Association proceeded to the election of an Executive Board which resulted in the choice of J. H. Berry, E. Smyth, G. V. Gambrell, R. L. Ray and R. H. Gibson.

Elder W. W. Keep presented the claims of Semple Broaddus College to the consideration of the Association, by invitation.

The Minutes were then read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the brethern and friends of Canaan Church, for their kindness and hospitality towards us during our present session.

Resolved, That the Brother Clerk be requested to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That Elder L. Ball, distribute the Minutes in the 1st District, the Clerk in the 2d District, and Elder A. H. Booth in the 3d District.

Resolved unanimously, That the thanks of this body be returned to the Moderator and Clerk, for the able and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

The Association postponed its final adjournment until Tuesday morning. After a soul-stirring address by the Moderator, a parting hymn was sung, and in the midst of deep religious feeling and Christian affection the Association adjourned to meet with the Corinth Church, at the intersection of the Memphis & Charleston, and Mobile & Ohio Rail Roads, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1858.

M. BALL, Moderator.

H. Y. RIDDLE, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX A.

We, your Committee appointed to arrange business for the Association, beg leave to report the following order:

1. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
2. Appoint Committees.
3. Call for Correspondence.
4. Appoint Correspondence.
5. Elect Ministers to preach the next Introductory and Missionary Sermons.
6. Call for Reports.
7. Elect an Executive Board.
8. Queries.
9. Resolutions and Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted

A. H. Booth, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report—That at no previous time in the history of this department of our work, have there been so many cheering indications realized, as at the present. This fact should humble our hearts with profound gratitude before the God of Missions, and produce, in us increased energy and enlarged benevolence for the accomplishment of the work given for us to do, as found in the great commission itself—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The Foreign Mission Board have two Missions in China; one at Shanghai, and the other at Canton, both of which are doing well.

In Shanghai there are four Missionaries and their wives, who are employed with humble diligence in the work. They have maintained eighteen regular preaching places, with an attendance, weekly, in the aggregate, of about 2500 souls. Also there are five day schools with the attendance of 100 pupils. These Missionaries have also made numerous journeys far out into the interior, and have there proclaimed the gospel to thousands of astonished listeners. At this Mission several have been baptized during the past year.

The Canton Mission has been interrupted by the war between the Chinese and English. In consequence of a fearful collision between the contending armies, our missionaries were compelled to leave the city. One of these missionaries you remember is our own Beloved Gaillard. This mission claims our prayers, that God may overrule these difficulties for the furtherance of the Missionary work.

In Africa—The Board have three Missions, all of which, we learn from the reports of our Missionaries, are in a very prosperous condition. We have not space to speak minutely of all our missions and stations—but will simply state that in all there are five missions, twenty-four stations, fifty-seven missionaries and assistants, twenty-two day schools, with 600 scholars, and a number of Sunday Schools with a good attendance of scholars; and there have been baptized within the past year some over 200 persons at the differnt missions.

Does not every Christian's heart beat for joy at the fact that the glorious gospel of the Ever-Blessed God is being preached to the millions across the great waters, and our Savior is getting to himself a great name among those who so very recently were worshiping Idols in heathen temples!

Should we not rejoice, that although we cannot go in person and teach those benighted sons of earth the way of the true God, yet, have the distinguished privilege of contributing to the support of those who have gone? May we not in that way be instrumental in saving some poor heathen. There are 500,000 Southern Baptists to rally around this great work, which has but just begun. Brethren, will not the Chickasaw Association set a good example, by making a liberal contribution?

We recommend, that every Baptist subscribe for the Home and Foreign Journal, a monthly sheet, and at only twenty-five cents per annum. Also, the "Commission," a Missionary Magazine, monthly, at one dollar per annum. Both are published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va. In the Journal and Commission, are published all the workings of this Board and the many interesting letters of our Foreign Missionaries in heathen lands, besides much other useful matter.

Believing that the Missionary spirit will be increased in proportion to the enlarged circulation of both these periodicals, therefore, we urge them upon every Baptist in the land.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. Booth, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

We, your Committee on the Bible cause, beg leave to report—That we regard the circulation of God's holy word as a *cause* of the first importance, and rejoice at the interest manifested upon this subject by our beloved denomination.

Your Executive Board have been alive to the importance of this great work and have, within the last few years, distributed within the bounds of our Association several thousand copies of Bibles and Testaments. But while we rejoice at the thought, that by their instrumentality, the word of life has found its way into many family circles and made glad many hearts, yet we are satisfied that many families within the bounds of our Association, are still without this precious treasure. Therefore, we beg leave to recommend your future board to make it the duty of their Missionaries and colporteurs to visit every family, that can be visited, where there is the least probability that they are without the Bible and see that this, the richest of all blessings, is furnished them. That this good work

may be accomplished, the churches must not grow weary in well-doing; for the work is theirs. If we love the Bible above all other gifts, and would not have it removed from our family circles for the world, let us show our love for it and our confidence in its powers and efficiency by our unceasing efforts to place it in every family, that the rising generation may all grow up under its influence and have its precious truths stamped upon their hearts while they are yet tender, that they may be fortified against the many infidel influences that are so prevalent in the world and have their minds trained to honor God, love liberty, and labor to dispel that darkness which envelopes souls in endless woe. That this good end may be accomplished, we recommend our brethren *all* to help, by their prayers and liberal contributions, every organization under the direction of our own denomination which has for its object the circulation of God's holy word. The Southern Bible Board, located at Nashville, Tenn., has been and is yet blessing thousands by its work of faith and "labor of love;" and therefore justly claims the hearty co-operation of every lover of the Bible.

And your committee would respectfully urge upon the brethren and sisters the great importance of *reading* God's Holy Word; for what will it profit if the Bible lie on our tables without ever being read. Let parents teach their children these precious truths while their hearts are yet tender, and the fruit will be seen in after years.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. P. Lowrey, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

The Committee upon Sabbath Schools beg leave to Report: That they believe the cause of God, and the best interests of the country, require that there be established in the vicinity of every church, and in every populous neighborhood well conducted Sabbath Schools. The great object should be to impart a knowledge of the Bible, especially to the young. Its pure and sacred truths would not only constitute the best model for the formation of characters, but with the blessing of Heaven, have a direct influence upon their present and eternal happiness. Surely then, this is an object, the mere announcement of which is sufficient to enlist the sympathies, prayers, and efforts, of every true follower of Christ. But as a woful neglect exists in reference to those institutions which it is believed are second only in importance to the preaching of the gospel and the establishing of churches. Your committee would beg leave to present a few motives in favor of their organization, in every community.

Those of us who occupy positions, either in church or State, are rapidly passing away, and our places must be filled by the young and rising generation. The destiny of our beloved country and the cause of our Blessed Master upon earth, must soon be committed to their hands. How important then, that they should receive a moral culture and a religious training, in strict accordance with God's holy word. Their young and tender minds are susceptible of *early* and permanent impressions. Habits are acquired, character formed, and their destiny fixed, perhaps both for time and eternity, much sooner than is generally supposed. The capacity of children is underrated. So soon as they are capable of evil,

they are capable of good. Whenever they are able to meditate upon sin, and devise plans for wickedness, they have the ability to receive holy impressions and heavenly influences. Their hearts may be compared to a fertile soil, capable of bringing forth fruit, either good or evil, with great luxuriance. But it is a melancholy reflection, that the field is first occupied by the enemy of souls. The Devil has already sown the seed in every youthful heart. Their fallen and corrupt natures, their evil passions, their sinful lusts, and the influence of the wicked, press them along in the *broad* road that leads to eternal death. Under these circumstances, dear brethren, have we nothing to do? Have we no counter influences to exert? no warnings to give? no holy impressions to make? no good seed to sow? Shall we fold our arms in ease, and stand in silence to witness, with unconcern, the downward march of this mighty youthful host? God forbid! lest the blood of murdered souls should hang upon our skirts and the wailings of the lost, ere long, sound in our ears. But as faithful soldiers of the cross let us rise in our might, and in the strength of the Lord put on the whole armor of God, and with the sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God, place ourselves in *battle-array* against the powers of darkness, encompass this great field, already white for the harvest, sow the good seed, water them with our tears and prayers, and God will give the increase. Brethren, momentous consequences cluster around this subject. Deathless spirits are at stake. Many of your children are in bondage to Satan and in the road to hell. They daily fortify themselves in their downward course, with the sins, the follies, and the fashions of this wicked world. And will you still refuse to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Go then, and tell Jesus that he is a hard master, return to him your *buried* talent and say, "Lo! there it is, that is thine!" and take care, lest you receive the slothful servant's reward.—But to laboring, self-sacrificing men, who feel that they are not their own, but that they have been bought with a price—even with the precious blood of our blessed Redeemer, "*Whatsoever thy hands findeth to do, do it with all thy might.*" Let there be no idlers in the vineyard of the Lord. But let every brother—except when engaged in visiting the sick, or attending upon the regular ministrations of the word, or the ordinances of God's house—encourage and support Sabbath Schools by his *personal presence.* Let him also, like faithful Abraham, command his household and use his parental authority in requiring the punctual attendance of his children. Let each one exert his influence to secure the attendance of others. Let those who are best qualified for the work, *teach;* and those who can read, engage with the young in systematic study of the Holy Scriptures; and all unite in asking the blessing of God upon their humble efforts. Endeavor to enlighten, to instruct, to guide the minds of the young, both by precept and by example, in the ways of Wisdom, Righteousness and Truth. And we hazard nothing in saying that influences will be exerted, impressions made, principles imbibed, habits formed, and characters established, that will promote the peace and good order of society, contribute to the welfare and prosperity of our common country, and above all will result, under the blessing of God, in the everlasting happiness of many of the young and rising generation. Now brethren will you, each of you, occupy this rich and inviting field? Has not Christ

said to you, "Occupy till I come." Oh! let these words, we beseech you, fall with ponderous weight upon your ears. Perhaps the destiny, under Providence, of your children and of other immortal souls, depends to some extent upon your decision. The Devil is busily engaged, the powers of darkness are moving, angels are looking on with intense interest, and *can we, will we, dare we* slumber and sleep at our posts. And now, brethren, what more can we say? We call upon God to witness between you and us this day, that we have warned you of the dangers to which the young are exposed, and that we have pointed out, though feebly, yet faithfully, the obligations resting upon you. And have only to beg each one of you, dear brethren, to have a care how you trifle with these high, solemn, and pressing responsibilities, lest the day should come quickly, when you shall render your final account to God, and these awful words shall be found written upon your soul, "*Ye knew your duty, but did it not.*" May the Lord in His infinite goodness, deliver us all from this terrible doom. May He bestow upon us wisdom to know our duty, and a will to perform it; and may our imperfect labors bear witness upon earth, and in Heaven, that we are the servants of God and belong to the family of the redeemer. All of which is affectionately submitted,

JOEL H. BERRY, One of the Committee.

APPENDIX E.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows—

Friday night, Elder J. M. Chambers: Text, Ephesians 2 ch. 22 v.
Saturday, 11 o'clock, Elder E. Rodgers: Text, Rev. 22 ch., 1–2 vs.
" 2 o'clock, Elder J. G. Burgess: Text, Psalms 116 ch. 12 v.
" night Elder J. T. Pitts: Text, Heb. 1 ch. 1–2 vs.
Sunday at 9 o'clock, Elder M. P. Lowrey: Text, Psalms 73 ch. 24 v.
" 11 o'clock, Elder L. Ball: Missionary Sermon.
" 2 o'clock, Elder A. H. Booth: Text, 2 Cor. 1 ch. 20 v.
" night D. R. Bryant: Text, Luke 13 ch. 19 v.
Monday at 11 o'clock, Elder J. Boswell: Text, Prov. 14 ch. 32 v.
" 3 o'clock, Elder H. G. Savage: Text, Matt. 7 ch. 13–14 vs.
" night, Elder W. W. Keep: Text, Philippians, 1 ch. 27 v.

Respectfully submitted,

CARLY PITTS, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

E. Smyth, Treasurer, in account with the Chickasaw Association.

1857.	DOMESTIC MISSIONS.	Dr.
Sept. 19	Amount as per last report	$360 51
"	Amount received of M. P. Lowrey on sale of books and collection	242 00
"	Cherry Creek Church "	40 55
"	Macedonia " "	9 00
"	Ripley " "	7 90
"	Mt. Comfort " "	6 75
"	Bethlehem " "	2 90
"	Hopewell " "	7 00
		$676 61

Amount brought forward			$676 61	
"	Mt. Pleasant	" "	10 00	
"	Bethel	" "	3 00	
"	Mt. Olive	" "	15 00	
"	Piney Grove	" "	5 20	
"	Friendship, Pontotoc co.,		10 00	
"	Amaziah	" "	6 45	
"	Pleasant Ridge	" "	36 00	
"	Henkle's Creek	" "	2 00	
"	Pleasant Hill	" "	8 00	
"	Canaan	" "	10 00	
"	Liberty	" "	3 00	
"	Mt. Pisgah	" "	4 00	
"	Union	" "	17 30	
"	Half of Public collection on Sabbath		20 05	
"	Recived of E. Smyth on sale of books		9 20	
"	J. H. Berry	" "	32 58	
"	J. T. Pitts	" "	84 60	
				$952 99

1856. Cr.

Oct.	Cash paid for books in N. Y. and Charleston,	$280 00
Sept. 18, 1857,	Cash paid M. P. Lowrey to pay for books and the expense on the same,	74 70
"	Paid M. P. Lowrey as Missionary	200 00
"	J. T. Pitts "	200 00
"	J. T. Pitts to pay for books "	30 00
"	H. C. Spencer as Missionary "	9 00
		$793 70

Due from Treasurer, - - - $159 29

Amounts pledged for Domestic Missions for 1858.

Mount Olive	Church	"	$15 00
Antioch	do	"	20 00
J. Stewart, J. McCord, J. Garrett		"	7 50
Academy		"	18 00
Osburn's Creek	do	"	10 00
Friendship, Tishomingo		"	6 00
Rienzi	do	"	15 00
Farmington	do	"	10 00
Union	do	"	10 50
Henkle's Creek	do	"	10 00
Ripley	do	"	19 00
Meadow Creek	do	"	10 00
Kossuth	do	"	50 00
Mt. Comfort	do	"	10 50
Corinth	do	"	5 00
Canaan	do	"	20 00
			$236 50

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS FOR 1858.

Ripley Church	"	$3 00
Corinth do	"	5 00
Academy do	"	5 50
		$13 50

FOR INDIAN MISSIONS FOR 1858.

Ripley Church	"	$5 00
Academy do	"	8 00
		$13 00

FOR BIBLE CAUSE FOR 1858.

Ripley Church	"	$5 75
Academy do	"	2 50
		$8 25

BIBLE UNION PLEDGE FOR 1858.

Academy Church	"	$5 50

INDIAN MISSIONS. Dr.

1856	As per last report	$25 30
Sept. 18 1857	Bethlehem Church	3 00
	Canaan	4 00
	Union	7 30
	J. H. Berry	4 00
	1-4 of Sabbath collection	10 05
		$53 65

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1857	Amount paid to State Convention	$15 00
	Due by Treasurer	38 65

BIBLE BOARD. Dr.

Sept. 19, 1857, Union Church	$6 15

FOREIGN MISSIONS. Dr.

September 19, 1857. By 1-4 of Sabbath collection	$10 00

AFRICAN MISSIONS. Dr.

1857.	By Canaan Church	$2 05
	Books unsold	$90 45

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH SMYTH, Treasurer.

APPENDIX G.

Money collected by M. Ball in the bounds of the Association for Foreign Missions.

Friendship	$33 40	Ripley	$36 20
Canaan	11 25	Union	15 00
Hopewell	5 00	Macedonia	50
Bethlehem	8 00	Mount Comfort	2 50
Academy	17 00	Cherry Creek	91 20
Mt. Pleasant	22 70	Pleasant Ridge	21 85

Cypress Creek	2 50	Philadelphia	2
Bulah	12 10	Unity	
Pleasant Hill	12 50	Antioch	1
Rienzi	24 00	Kossuth	1
Farmington	9 73	Osborn's Creek	3
Mount Olive	9 40	Liberty	31
Collection taken up at Association on Saturday			102
Contributed by colored Brethren on Sunday			1
Collection on Sabbath			$530
Foreign mission from Treasurer			9
			2
			$542

APPENDIX H.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report—Received for Printi
Minutes $75

Respectfully submitted,

D. Potter, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.

Your Committee on the Religious Instruction of the Colored Populati would beg leave to report—That in view of the fearful responsibility re ing upon us, arising from the relation we sustain to the Colored Popul tion, your committee would recommend that the churches take prompt a tion for the purpose of giving that population in our midst, the opportuni of having the gospel preached.

In order to secure this, we recommend that each church make arrange ments with its Pastor to preach at some hour on the Sabbath for their speci benefit.

We also would recommend that owners of slaves use their influence t have them observe the Sabbath, forbidding the common traffic on that day making the impression upon them that Sunday is a Sabbath unto the Lord and that He should be worshipped on that day.

And in order to make, successfully, that impression, we would recom- mend that every owner of slaves have the Holy Scriptures read to them statedly at some hour during every Sabbath day.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. H. Booth, Chairman.

APPENDIX J.

We your Committee on Documents, beg leave to report—That the Min- utes of the Several District Meetings have been examined and we think the same portions of them should be published as have been heretofore.

An Essay has been placed in our hands by some one, written by Bro. J. M. Martin, of Rienzi, upon the following subject: "Total Abstinence from Intoxicating Drinks, as a Beverage, a Christian Duty;" which we have examined and believe should be placed in the hands of every Baptist, and

therefore recommend all the Brethren to aid in giving it a general circulation.

We also recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend the "Mississippi Baptist," edited by Elder J. T. Freeman, and published in Jackson to the favorable consideration of our Brethren.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. G. SAVAGE, Chairman.

UNION MEETING: 1st DISTRICT.

This meeting will be held with the Amaziah Church and will commence on Thursday before the 1st Sabbath in August, 1858; Eld. J. Boswell, to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. J. T. Pitts, alternate. Eld. L. Ball to preach a Sermon to Ministers and Deacons, Eld. M. Ball, alternate.

The following brethren are to write Essays on the subjects preceding their names.

Election	M. Ball,
Importance of Pastoral Visits	L. Ball,
Importance of Family Prayer	J. Boswell,
Total-Abstinence, a Christian Duty	J. T. Pitts,
Importance of Sabbath Schools	N. M. Berry,
Relative Duties of Church Members	E. Smyth,
Importance of Reading the Scriptures	L. J. Pratts,
Duty of Masters to their Servants	J. B. Herring,
Brotherly Love	D. Potter,
Importance of the Support of the Gospel	N. L. Ward,
Importance of Piety in Youth	R. M. Leavel,
Duty of Young Members of the Church	N. C. Golding,
Importance of Vocal Music	Isaac Smyth,
Duty of Parents to their children	G. V. Gambrell,

UNION MEETING: 2nd DISTRICT.

This meeting will be held with the Academy Church, commencing on Thursday before the 2nd Sabbath in August, 1858: Eld. W. H. Holcombe to preach the Introductory Sermon, A. Ray, alternate.

The following Brethren are to write Essays on the subjects preceding their names.

Final Perseverance of the Saints	H. G. Spencer,
Mode of Baptism	H. F. Lipford,
Ministerial Education	J. G. Campbell,
Importance of Prayer	H. Y. Riddle,
The Atonement	W. H. Holcombe,
Church Government	J. H. Berry,
The Importance of the Representation of the Churches in the Union Meetings	A. Ray.

The following Queries are set for discussion at the next meeting:

1st. Is it consisent with Gospel order and Primitive Practice for Church Members to engage in the traffic or use of Ardent Spirits, as a beverage?

2nd. What course should a church pursue towards a member who *willfully* neglects to attend his Conference Meetings?

3rd. What course ought a Church to pursue towards a member who refuses to bear his proportionable part of the necessary expenses of the church according to his ability?

UNION MEETING: 3rd District.

This meeting will be held with the Farmington Church, commencing on Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1858; Eld. O. D. Fitzgerald, to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. M. Ball, to preach a Sermon to the Ministers and Deacons, Eld. A. H. Booth, alternate.

The following brethren are to write Essays on subjects preceding their names:

Call to the Ministry	A. H. Booth,
Importance of Sustaining the Missionary cause	M. P. Lowrey,
Observance of the Sabbath	O. D. Fitzgerald,
Importance of Family Prayer	H. G. Savage,
Best Means of developing the Writing Talent of Southern Baptists	
Duty of Churches to their Pastors	L. Flake,
Christian Deportment	J. G. Lowrey,
Brotherly Love	M. M. Smith,
Utility of Sabbath Schools	H. C. Parker,
	J. M. Martin,

Appointed the next Association to be held with the Corinth Church.

APPENDIX K.

The Executive Board, beg leave to make the following report—That they had the pleasure to engage the services during the past associational year, of two faithful and able missionaries, to wit. Brothers M. P. Lowrey, and J. T. Pitts, both of whom labored one half their time. They have not only preached the gospel with power and effect, as we believe, but they have distributed a number of Bibles, Testaments, Religious Books and Tracts. In his report brother Lowrey, makes the following interesting remarks,—"According to your direction I attended the newly organized church of Meadow Creek, as pastor, which has increased in numbers, during year, from twenty to thirty seven members, and they ask no further aid from the Board.

"I spent a portion of my time, preaching in the neighborhood of the old Mt. Zion church, (which is now extinct,) endeavoring to revive an interest there; but after hard efforts, entirely failed, and fear the good cause must continue to languish there. It is however an important point, and there are good brethren there, who would be useful if they could be brought of the rubbish of old difficulties, and loosed from the fetters of prejudice. I pray that the good Lord may bring some good out of my labors there. I have also preached in several neighborhoods, along the Memphis & Charleston Rail Road, from Corinth westward, where there is great destitution, and an important field for missionary labor. I have also preached several times on Hatchie, near the line between Tippah and Tishomingo counties, where the people have listened attentively to the

word, and express great anxiety for the future Board to send a missionary to preach to them.

"There is a large portion of the country, in the Northern part of Tippah county, that is entirely destitute, where I have had great desire to labor, but could not possibly find time to do so. All the above portions of country combined, make a large and important field for missionary labor; and should receive prompt attention. Infidel influences are at work and are fettering the minds of the rising generation. Atheism, Deism, and Universalism and every other delusion that Satan can invent, are at work for the destruction of souls, which admonish us to be up and doing, that we may exert an influence for God and Truth before the rising generation are hardened and prejudiced against the religion of the Bible. Here is work for the Bible, for the preacher, for tracts, and every other means of grace, that can be brought to bear upon the human heart for good.—May God awaken a deeper interest, in the minds of the brethren, upon this subject, is my prayer. I have distributed many books and tracts. Join me, dear brethren, in praying that God's blessing may attend them."

Bro. Pitts has been equally zealous and energetic, in laboring in the good cause. In his report he says, "I have sold a number of Bibles, Testaments, Religious Books, and Tracts. I preached to two stations regularly, until I started to visit the churches, and have preached in many other places in the destitute portions of our association. There is a section of country lying contiguous to Tippah and Chewalley rivers, that is destitute of Baptist preaching I would advise the future Board to send an able minister into this field, for there is much opposition to contend with there. I constituted one church in that boundary, and it will need help from the Board. I consider it an important point."

Thus, beloved brethren, you have a brief account of the labors of your devoted missionaries, and of the destitution which still exists. In looking back for a series of years, at the progress of Domestic Missions in the bounds of this association, we are forced to exclaim, "The Lord hath done great things, for us, whereof we are glad." It is well known that some of the strongest, and most prosperous churches, that belong to this body, are the fruits of missionary labor. The church, with which the association now holds its present session, is numbered among them. But there is "much land yet to be possessed." Destitute neighborhoods are still unoccupied, and weak churches are calling upon us for aid. Shall we, dear brethren, grow weary in well doing, especially when the hand of the Lord has been with us?

Shall we, after having so long let our light shine, *now* put it under a bushel? Heaven forbid it. But may we all in the strength of Isreal's God engage anew in our labors of love: and we do not doubt but that God will bless his own appointed means to the salvation of many precious souls. But brethren, the work cannot go on without your aid. By a reference to the treasurer's report you will perceive that the amount of funds on hand is considerably less than it was last year. Whether therefore, our future Board shall go forward in missionary operations, or take a retrograde movement, depends under God, upon your liberality?

We have now only to return to you once more the trust committed to our hands. And in conclusion, we pray God to pardon our errors, bless

the seed which have been sown by our faithful missionaries, and pour out his spirit abundantly upon all our churches, and upon destitute neighborhoods, whose inhabitants are posting the downward road to eternal ruin. And finally, brethren, may each one of us go forth from this place, with renewed strength from on high, and when we shall be called to render our final account, may we receive that welcome plaudit: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOEL H. BERRY, Chairman.

APPENDIX L.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to report—That in their judgment there is no department of our work of more importance than Domestic Missions, by which we mean, the work of preaching the gospel to the destitute in the bounds of our own association.

It is with pain and much sorrow, that your committee learn that a considerable portion of the territory within the bounds of this association is entirely destitute of the preaching of the word of God.

And for some specific information with regard to said destitution, we would refer to information given in the report of your Executive Board. Now brethren, will we permit hundreds of souls to go down to endless perdition, in our very midst, for the want of the Bread of Life, whilst we are in possession of the means to supply them with it.

We therefore, recommend that increased energy and enlarged benevolence with us be cultivated.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. H. BOOTH, Chairman.

APPENDIX M.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report—That while there is considerable interest manifested on this subject, room for improvement still remains, especially in some departments of this great enterprise. We think our attention should be directed, zealously, to the young. And since early impressions are most lasting, a regard, too scrupulous, cannot be had in selecting and patronizing Institutions of Learning. First impressions are also the most difficult to remove when erroneous, and we think our schools should devote *more* time to the *useful* and *substantial* and *less* to the *superficial* and *ornamental*. If we were destined to live a mere butterfly life, a few tints and gorgeous hues might be attained to attract notice and admiration; but while the future destiny of the rising generation, both National and Religious, is being cast in the mould, we should, in the fear of God, endeavor to use a skillful hand and be watchful as to their best interests. And since there is such a general awakening on the subject, the rich and the poor striving together to give their sons and daughters a thorough education, the duty has never been more imperative to educate those who "labor in word and doctrine," who expound the Oracles of Divine Truth. The preacher must bring forth from the treasures of God's word "things both new and old," he must "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints," he is assailed by skepticism, infidelity, and "Spiritual wick-

edness in high places," and that he may be prepared to do this effectually, that he may meet his adversary on equal ground, his intellectual endowments must be sharpened upon the *grindstone* of education. We should liberally respond to the silent call of those who give evidence that the burden of the Lord is upon them. If we would have our sons and daughters polished like the stones in King Solomon's Temple, Educate them—Educate them.

Respectfully submitted,

L. BALL, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. Ball, Cherry Creek
J. Boswell, Tardyville
A. Ray, Jonesboro
R. Nutt, Hickory Flat
J. C. Derryberry, Boneyard
L. Flake, Rienzi
H. G. Spencer, Salem
J. T. Pitts, Cherry Creek
J. H. Prescott, Salem
O. D. Fiztgerald, Kossuth
P. Scally, Union Mills
D. D. Roach, New Albany
A. Godwin, Ripley
A. H. Booth, Rienzi
W. H. Holcombe, Ripley
L. Ball, Cherry Creek
M. P. Lowrey, Rienzi
H. F. Lipford, Salem
E. Browning, Cherry Creek
H. G. Savage, Rienzi
C. B. Walker, Lamar
H. C. Spencer, Ripley
J. G. Burgess, Farmington
E. Rodgers, Corinth
D. R. Bryant, Grand Junction, Tenn.

LICENTIATES.

G. H. Savage, Rienzi
E. Massey, Burnsville
H. J. McCullough, Burnsville
I. Matthis, Ruckerville
D. Potter, Wallerville
J. R. Wilkins, Lafayette Springs
R. B. Maxey, Lafayette Springs
I. Smyth, Wallerville
E. S. Hardwick, Jacinto
S. D. Kendall, Big Spring
T. Gorley, Rocky Ford

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

J. H. Berry, E. Smyth, G. V. Gambrell, R. L. Ray, R. H. Gibson.

TIMES OF MEETING OF CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Big Bear Creek Association, Friday before 4th Sabbath in September.
Panola Association, Saturday before 2d Sabbath in October.
Big Hatchie Association, Friday before 4th Sabbath in July.
Cold Water Association, Friday before 3rd Sabbath in October.
Aberdeen Association, Saturday before 2nd Sabbath in October.
Judson Association, Saturday before 1st Sabbath in October.
Baptist State Convention, Thursday before 4th Sabbath in May.

The next Session of the Chickasaw Association will be held with the Corinth Church, at the crossing of the Memphis and Charleston and Mobile and Ohio Rail Roads, commencing on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in September, 1858.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall be called the "CHICKASAW BAPTIT ASSOCIATION."

ART. 2D.—It shall be composed of persons who have been duly elected delegates by the respective churches belonging to this union.

ART. 3D.—The delegates representing the different churches shall, at the opening of the association, present the letters specifying their appointment, and also showing the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, and dead, during the year, together with the whole number in fellowship.

ART. 4TH.—Every church belonging to this body, shall be entitled to three delegates until they number 100 members, and then one for each hundred above that number.

ART. 5TH.—Churches of this Union failing to represent themselves at one association, will be expected to state the reason of their failure at the next, and if any church fail for three successive meetings, the association may consider such church as dropped from its number, or shall have power to send a committee to enquire into its state, or proceed as the association may deem most advisable.

ART. 6TH.—New churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed orthodox, and are willing to walk in fellowship with us.

ART. 7TH.—The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen at each annual meeting, so soon as letters from the churches are read, and members' names enrolled; PROVIDED, however, that nothing in this article be so construed as to prohibit churches petitioning for union with us, from voting by their delegates for moderator and clerk.

ART. 8TH.—This association shall have no power to adopt rules that shall at any time infringe upon the independence and rights of churches; it shall, however, be at liberty to advise churches belonging to it, or it may withdraw from such churches as are known to walk disorderly.

ART. 9TH.—The association shall have a fund for its expenses, and the churches shall be at liberty to send up such funds as they may think proper, either for foreign or domestic missions, for the bible or any other benevolent institution, and the association appoint one or more, to take charge of the same, and forward them as they may be designated, and report to the next association.

ART. 10TH.—Any church of this union having a difficulty that she cannot settle, may call help from other churches, or may present the case to this body for advice; such cases must be presented in the letter of correspondence, stating the reasons why it has not, or could not be decided by the church.

ART. 11TH.—If any church should have a difficulty with a sister church,

we recommend said church to take the gospel steps as directed in the 18th chapter of Matthew; and no difficulty will be entertained by this Association until such steps are taken.

ART. 12TH.—When churches of this union have members supposed to possess ministerial gifts, "we recommend them to" call from two or more churches for the aid of their ministers and such other members as the churches may deem most sutiable to examine the individuals, and if thought advisable, to authorise such a member or members to preach the gospel—which shall be reported to the association, and entered on the minutes.

ART. 13TH.—Any church having a gift she deems worthy of Ordination, shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work; and all Presbyteries in the ordination of ministers and deacons, or in constituting churches, shall be governed by the abstract of principles of this association.

ART. 14TH.—This association may correspond by letter and delegates, with the Baptist Convention of this State, and with such associations as she may deem most conducive to the general interest of Zion.

ART. 15TH.—The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the session rises; no association shall adjourn, unless in extraordinary cases, until it has finished all its business.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1ST.—The association shall be opened by prayer.

ART. 2D.—The moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided that appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

ART. 4TH.—The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as other members, but not to vote unless his vote be necessary to decide the question. If he rises to speak, he shall call on some brother to take the chair.

ART. 5TH.—All questions brought before the association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for discussion, the moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.

ART. 6TH.—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the same time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or make personal reflections.

ART. 7TH.—No person shall speak more than once upon any subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity, nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.

ART. 8TH.—Every subject introduced for discussion shall be first decided before another shall be offered, unless it be laid over by motion, with the consent of the mover and association.

ART. 9TH.—The association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. "But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority."

ART. 10TH.—The names of members shall be called whenever the association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the moderator.

ART. 11TH.—The appellation of brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

ART. 12TH.—Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reproved by the moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

ART. 13TH.—Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. *Of the Scriptures.*—We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, Salvation for its end, and Truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true centre of christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

2. *Of the True God.*—That there is one, and only one, true and living God, whose name is JEHOVAH, the Maker, and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal and relative distinction of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

3. *Of the Fall of Man.*—That man was created in a state of holiness, under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of satan, and of their own sinful passions, and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.

4. *Of the Way of Salvation.*—That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the law by his personal obedience, and made atonement for our sins by his death; being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven, and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and all-sufficient Saviour.

5. *Of Justification.*—That the great Gospel blessing which Christ of his fullness bestows on such as believe in Him, is Justification; that Justi-

fication consists in the pardon of sin, and the promise of eternal life, principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of a works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through his ov redemption and righteousness; that it brings us into a state of most ble ed peace and favor with God, and secures every other blessing needf for time and eternity.

6. *Of the Freeness of Salvation.*—That the blessings of Salvation a made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to a cept them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents th salvation of the greatest sinner on earth, except his own voluntary refusa to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ, which refusal will subject him to a aggravated condemnation.

7. *Of Grace in Regeneration.*—That in order to be saved, we must b regenerated or born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehen- sion or calculation, by the power of the Holy Spirit, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel, and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

8. *Of God's purpose of Grace.*—That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it compre- hends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely wise, holy and un- changeable; that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, prayer praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is ascertain- ed by its effects in all who believe the Gospel; is the foundation of chris- tian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.

9. *Of the Perseverance of Saints.*—That such only are real believers, as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto Salvation.

10. *Harmony of the Law and Gospel.*—That the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of this visible church.

11. *Of a Gospel Church.*—That a visible church of Christ is a congre- tion of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellow- ship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only proper officers are bishops or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timo- thy and Titus.

12. *Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.*—That christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and

Spirit; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its purifying power; that it is pre-requisite to the privilege of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the use of the bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

13. *Of the Christian Sabbath.*—That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for the rest which remaineth for the people of God.

14. *Of Civil Government.*—That civil government is of divine appointment, for the interest and good order of human society;—and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscienciously honored, and obeyed, except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the Kings of the earth.

15. *Of the Righteous and the Wicked.*—That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse, and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

16. *Of the World to Come.*—That the end of this world is approaching; that at the last day, Christ will descend from Heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place, that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in Heaven or Hell, on principles of righteousness.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Districts.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	Days of Meeting.	DELEGATES.	Number Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by Lettr.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total in F'lowship.	Minutes.	Contribution for	Colored Members.
Amaziah,	1	J. Boswell,	Cornersville,	2	John Boatner, J. Swayne,* L. J. Pratt,*	6	5	0	7	5	1	80	$2 00		12
Cherry Creek,		L. Ball,	Cherry Creek,	2	M. Ball, L. Ball, J. T. Pitts, E. Smyth.	29	7	2	27	2	5	240	6 65		63
Bethel,		J. Crosley,	Rocky Ford,	2	Thomas Gosley, J. Hale,* W. Hampton,*	17	0	0	22	2	0	145	1 45		
Liberty,		J. Boswell,	Tardyville,	4	J. Boswell, B. J. Caldwell, E. H. Joyner,	5	5	0	5	0	1	98	1 70		0
Philadelphia,		E. Browning,	Rocky Ford,	1	J. F. Rose, J. P. Wilson,* [D. M. Owen,	8	9	1	0	8	2	101	2 50		
Pleasant Ridge,		L. Ball,	Molino,	4	G. V. Gambrell, M. F. Berry, P. R. Thomas,* and	25	6	0	7	1	2	207	4 00		19
Friendship,		E. Browning,	Cherry Creek,	3	R. Golding, E. Browning, J. S. Cobb,	25	9	0	7	3	2	83	2 30		2
Washington,															
Spring Creek,		E. Browning,	Waterford,	4	J. Mitchell, J. Henderson,* B. C. Duncan,*	12	4	0	6	3	0	74	1 50		15
New Hope,		J. T. Pitts,	Pontotoc,	2	Carey Pitts, H. Pitts,* Joshua Smyth,	13	7	0	0	0	0	43	1 35		1
Mount Gilead,		Isaac Smyth,	Ellistown,	2	J. Davis, L. E. D. Roberts, J. Beel,	5	0	0	10	3	0	53	1 50		
Mount Pleasant,		L. Ball,	Wallerville,	1	D. Potter, Isaac Smyth, W. A. Funk,	9	13	0	4	1	1	89	2 70		2
Mount Pisgah,			Rocky Ford,	3	J. Sherman, J. D. Crane, J. Merritt,*							15	1 00		
Cypress Creek,		E. Browning,	Liberty Hill,	2	J. R. Wilkins, W. P. Goolsby, N. L. Ward,*	0	3	0	7	3	1	67	2 50		13
Union,	2	A. Ray,	Jonesboro,	3	A. Ray, H. Garrett, R. L. Ray,	0	1	0	7	2	0	80	2 25		8
Academy,		W. H. Holcombe,	Orizaba,	1	M. Cox, W. Putnam, W. J. Riddle,*	1	1	0	10	1	2	61	2 95		
Bethlehem,		J. Boswell,	Salem,	1	J. H. Hasher, B. Borwn, J. S. Mallory,*	0	0	0	1	2	0	57	1 60		7
Bulah,		D. D. Roach,	New Albany,	3	D. D. Roach, W. Baker,* E. Mauldrie,*	1	3	0	3	2	3	56	1 75		9
Canaan,		A. Ray,	Canaan,	4	J. E. Woods, C. B. Walker, J. G. Campbell,	2	0	0	6	4	0	84	2 00		7
Fellowship,		J. Boswell,	Claysville,	3	J. H. Berry, T. Moore, L. D. Adams,	21	4	2	3	5	2	76	1 75		
New Harmony,		H. C. Spencer,	Union Mills,	4	Not Represented,										
Hopewell,		H. G. Spencer,	Salem,	4	H. G. Spencer, H. F. Lipford,* F. Norris,	0	0	0	5	0	0	41	1 50		
Pleasant Hill,		A. Ray,	Ruckersville,	2	J. Mathews, M. Duncan, J. Stewart,	4	4	0	1	0	1	57	1 10		5
Piney Grove,		R. Nutt,	Hickory Flat,	3	R. Nutt, J. H. Prescott,* J. B. Fuller,	15	5	0	3	5	0	66	1 00		
Ripley,		W. H. Holcombe,	Ripley,	4	H. Y. Riddle, W. H. Holcombe,* M. Young,*	9	5	5	0	0	1	80	1 20		52
Macedonia,		A. Godwin,	Ripley,	2	A. Godwin, J. C. Godwin, A. Pickens,	5	0	0	1	0	0	35	1 00		
Sardis,					Not Represented,—Dissolved.										
Mount Comfort,		H. C. Spencer,	Ripley,	1	E. M. Rodgers, C. G. Blunt, N. Vernor,*	18	1	0	1	0	0	36	1 00		
Unity,		D. R. Bryant,	Grand Junction, Tenn.,	1	T. J. Valentine, J. C. Perkins, M. Prewitt,*	0	4	0	0	0	2	64	1 00		11
Concord,	3	P. Scally,	Dry Run,	4	P. Scally,* W. Green, F. Geno,	0	4	0	5	2	0	54	1 50		
Farmington,		H. G. Savage,	Farmington,	3	W. U. Robinson,* J. G. Burgess, J. D. Smith,	7	2	0	18	5	7	79	2 00		
Rienzi,		A. H. Booth,	Rienzi,	2	A. H. Booth, W. C. Lowrey, J. W. Booth,	1	2	0	3	1	2	87	2 00		17
Yellow Creek,		J. P. Gray,	Burnsville,	4	Not Represented,										
Friendship,		H. G. Savage,	Cross Ridge,	1	T. Smith,* W. Henderson, W. Simmons,	0	3	0	7	0	2	61	1 75		14
Mount Olive,		L. Ball,	Carrollville,	3	J. O. Nelson,* W. A. Davis, J. B. Jones,	2	16	0	3	0	1	113	3 00		
Osburn's Creek,		H. G. Savage,	Black Land,	4	Letter, but no Delegates,	2	2	0	6	1	0	75	2 00		20
Antioch,		A. H. Booth,	Silver Spring,	3	W. C. Gibson,* R. H. Gibson, R. J. F. Beard,*	0	2	0	4	2	2	71	2 25		16
Henkle's Creek,		H. G. Savage,	Rienzi,	2	H. G. Savage, G. H. Savage, W. E. D. Carter,	1	2	0	13	1	0	40	2 00		
Kossuth,		M. P. Lowrey,	Kossuth,	3	O. D. Fitzgerald, F. Hall,* H. A. Howard,	14	8	0	1	0	0	56	2 00		10
Harmony,		M. P. Lowrey,	Farmington,	1	J. Barnett, W. C. Simmons, W. U. Springer,*	9	2	0	2	0	0	59	1 65		
Corinth,		A. H. Booth,	Corinth,	1	E. Rodgers, W. H. Crawford, Z. Burgess,	0	15					37	2 00		
Meadow Creek,		M. P. Lowrey,	Big Spring,	2	M. Taylor, S. D. Kendoll, M. P. Lowrey,	7	15	0	5	0	0	37	1 00		
Liberty Hill,			Jacinto,		No Delegates,	0	0	0	4	0	1	16	1 00		
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☞ Absentees marked thus.*

N. B. Many Churches failed to send up the number of their colored members.